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LONDON DAILY EXPRESS REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 17 THAT COMMUNICATIONS FROM CONTROL TWOER TO YUGOSLAV DC-9 IN SERBO-CROATIAN LANGUAGE NOT UNDERSTOOD BY PILOT OF BRITISH TRIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN CAUSING COLLISION OF TWO AIRLINERS ON SEPTEMBER 10 HAS PROVOKED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN OTTAWA IN VIEW OF GREAT CANADIAN DEBATE ON ATC LANGUAGE QUESTIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. A SENIOR MOT OFFICIAL TOLD TCO SEPTEMBER 22 THAT IF REPORT IS SUSTAINED GOC WILL HAVE TREMENDOUS DIFFICULTY IN OVERCOMING CANADIAN AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION AND CANADIAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATION OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION OF FRENCH LANGUAGE ATC SERVICE IN QUEBEC. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL SEPTEMBER 21 QUOTES MOT PRESS OFFICER AS SAYING TRANSPORT MINISTER LANG WOULD MAKE NO COMMENT UNTIL OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV INVESTIGATION REPORT COMPLETED. CATCA AND CALPA SPOKESMEN LIKewise HAVE BEEN RESTRAINED IN THEIR INITIAL COMMENTS ON THE PRESS STORY.

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